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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 09/970,647 :
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FOR: DIGITAL ELECTRONIC STILL :
CAMERA WHICH RECEIVES AN
INPUT/OUTPUT CONTROL PROGRAM
THROUGH A DETACHABLE
COMMUNICATION INTERFACE CARD

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance appearing on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), mailed on February 4, 2008, contains reasons directed to limitations which are not recited in the independent Claims 17, 23, 46, 52, 53, 57, 85 and 88.

More specifically, the Examiner's reasons for allowance appearing on page 2, lines 14 to 17; page 3, lines 11-14; page 4, lines 5-8; and page 4, line 19 through page 5, line 1; implies that "the communication control program is configured to enable communication with an external service through the first input/output interface" appears in each of independent Claims 17, 23, 24, 28, 46, 52, 53 and 57. This is incorrect. Claims 17, 23, 24, 28, 46, 52, 53 and 57 do not recite this limitation.

The Examiner further implies on page 5, line 18 through page 6, line 9, that the same limitations of a "first input/output interface" and "a second input/output interface connected

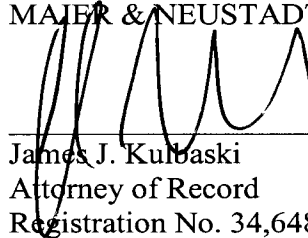
to a processor” with “a memory configured to receive the control program from the first input/output interface” are present in each of independent Claims 82 and 85. This is incorrect. Claim 85 does not recite these limitations.

Also, the Examiner implies on page 6, line 12 through page 7, line 3, that the same limitation of “a first input/output interface connected to a processor” and “a second input/output interface connected to a processor” with “a memory configured to receive the control program from the first input/output and the second input/output interface” appears in each of independent Claims 88 and 91. This is incorrect. Claim 91 does not recite these limitations.

Accordingly, the Examiner’s reasons for allowance do not apply to independent Claims 17, 23, 24, 28, 46, 52, 53, 57, 85 and 91 and the claims dependent thereon, with the exception of dependent Claims 18-21, 47-50, 76, 77, 79 and 80.

Respectfully submitted,

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